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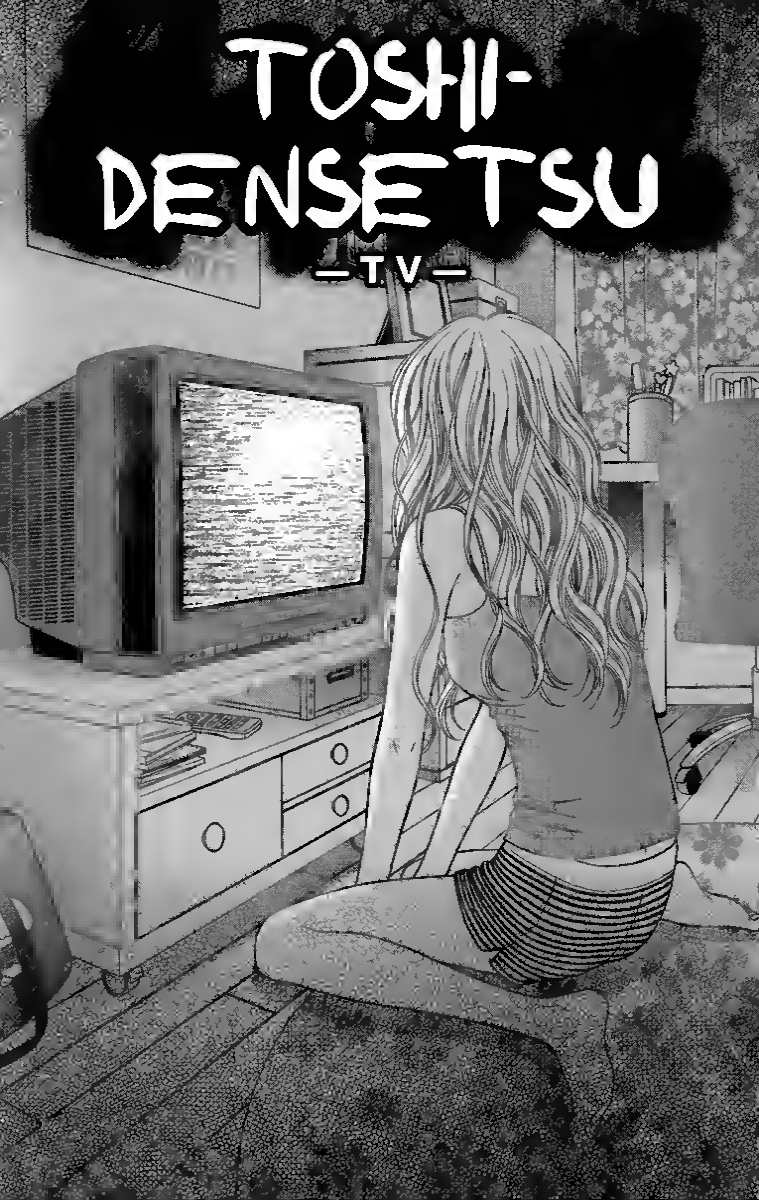
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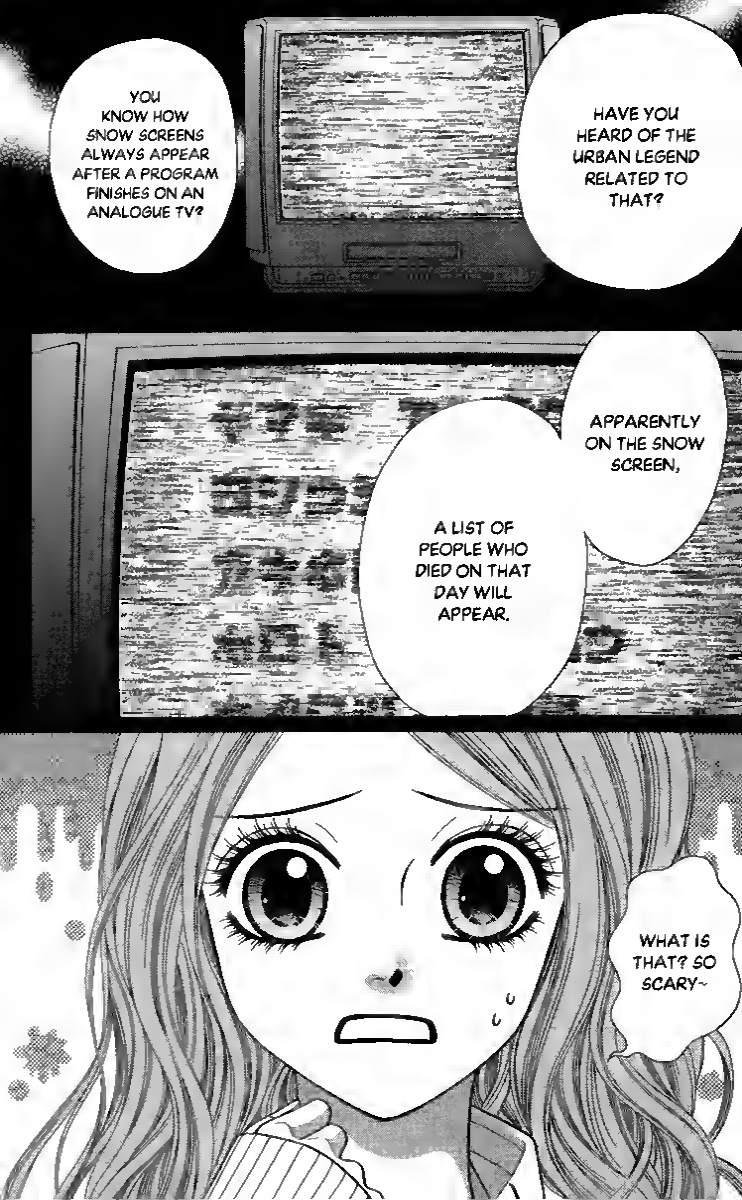

YOU KNOW HOW SNOW SCREENS ALWAYS APPEAR AFTER A PROGRAM FINISHES ON AN ANALOGUE TV?
HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE URBAN LEGEND RELATED TO THAT?
APPARENTLY ON THE SNOW SCREEN,
A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO DIED ON THAT DAY WILL APPEAR.
WHAT IS THAT? SO SCARY~

STOP IT MIINA STILL HAS AN ANALOGUE IN HER ROOM
SAAAME.
I'VE ALWAYS SAID I WANTED A PLASMA TV, BUT MY PARENTS WOULD JUST SAY, GO GET A PART-TIME JOB AND BUY IT YOURSELF! SO ANNOYING
YEAH RIGHT~ TAKASHI, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO LIVE ALONE, SO WHY LIVE IN LUXURY?
SPEAKING OF IT,
THE SNOW SCREEN AND STATIC OF THE TV IS ACTUALLY RELATED TO A PARALLEL UNIVERSE...
THAT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE CONTINUOUSLY BEING DRAGGED THERE AND DISAPPEAR.
THAT IS ALSO WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN URGING PEOPLE TO SWITCH TO DIGITAL TVS~~~
IS THAT SO~?
...STOP SCARING HER, TAKASHI
SHE'S A REALLY SIMPLE-MINDED PERSON. SHE'LL REALLY BELIEVE YOU
YUUJI!
YAH~ TAKASHI, YOU GOD-DAMN LIAR!!
BUT AN URBAN LEGEND IS NOT EXACTLY A LIE.
THANKS! ♥
BUT SEEING AS YOU'RE HANDSOME I'LL LET YOU OFF THIS TIME~~ ♥
Kachi

ARE YOU HEADING HOME, TOMOMI?
YEAH... BYE.
TOMOMI LOOKS REALLY DOWN
ERIKA HAS ALREADY BEEN MISSING FOR 3 DAYS. BUT SHE STILL SHOULDN T FORCE HERSELF
ERIKA ACTS ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY, BUT IN TRUTH SHE'S ACTUALLY QUITE A PLAYER, RIGHT?
NOWADAYS, FAMILIES DON'T EVEN GO TO THE POLICE WHEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS DISAPPEAR FOR 2-3 DAYS
THE DAY SHE DISAP-PEARED,
A SKELETON OF A GIRL WHO USED TO BE ERIKA'S PLAYMATE AND THE GIRL'S DOLL WAS FOUND AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE NEARBY
SOMEONE RELATED IT TO A SCARY URBAN LEGEND, AND THERE WERE MANY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT....
—TRUE,
ONE MUST NOT UNDERES-TIMATE URBAN LEGENDS, YOU KNOW?

ACTUALLY, WHEN I WAS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL, I REALLY BELIEVED IN THIS LEGEND
HENCE, I ONCE TRIED TO SECRETLY LOOK AT THE SNOW SCREEN OF THE TV AT NIGHT TIME
A list of names really did appear.
And on the list was the name of someone in my year group—!!
AND THE NEXT DAY ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING MORNING,
THAT GUY REALLY DID GET RUN OVER BY A CAR AND DIED
RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES
EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE

BECOME REALLY SCARED THAT MY NAME MIGHT APPEAR ON THE SCREEN ONE DAY, AND SO I'D WATCH THE SCREEN EVERY NIGHT
SO, NOW I CAN NO LONGER TAKE MY SIGHT OFF THE ANALOGUE TV SCREEN...
Sil——lence
AH——!!
JUUUST JOKING! ♫
REALLY—— TAKASHI!!
SORRY, IT'S BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO BECOME MY GIRLFRIEND FORGIVE ME ♥
REALLY?!
NEVER MIND
AH——

DON'T... TEASE MIINA TOO MUCH, EVEN IF SHE DOES LOOK A BIT GULLIBLE
OKAY, MAYBE SHE IS GULLIBLE, BUT
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE'S JUST INNOCENT...
TAKASHI
Bye bye~
OKAY, BYE! ♫
Even though Takashi was just joking...
The fact that something could have happened to Erika is still quite worrying

I don't want any of my friends to disappear or die!!
SO SO SCARY
So I'm going to confirm,
whether this legend is real or not...
As a precaution against strangers dragged away into a parallel universe, tie your self to the bed, use something like a lasso.
But, it's connected to a paralliel universe.....
LATE NIGHT ANIME ?
Will the death list really show up today?
Ah.
Fuh.....

AKIZUKI TAKASHI

TAKASHI!!!
TAKASHI,
TAKASHI—!!
WHAT'S WRONG, MIINA?
YUUJI——!!
CALM DOWN!
I CAN'T EVEN GET A CALL THROUGH TO HIM TODAY!
THIS IS BAD. TAKASHI'S NAME APPEARED ON THE TV SNOW SCREEN.

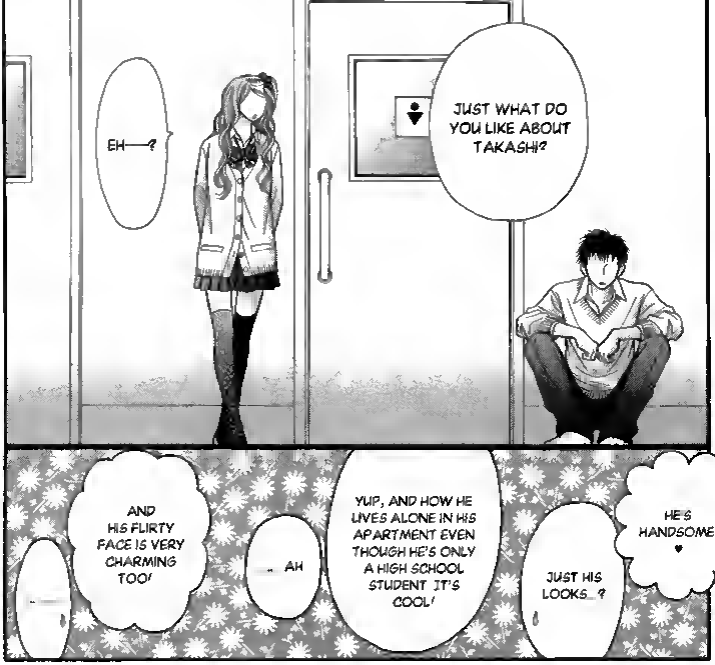
HE CAME UNUSUALLY EARLY TODAY, AND HAS BEEN SLEEPING ALL THIS TIME
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR TAKASHI HE'S ALREADY HERE
TAKASHI!~~ THANK GOD!!!
AAH-AH! WHAT'S GOING ON? JUST LEAVE ME ALONE! I'M REALLY TIRED TODAY
BUT, OH NO.
TODAY, TAKASHI'S NAME APPEARED ON THE DEATH LIST OF THE TV SCREEN...
EH, THAT URBAN LEGEND?!
THAT WAS A JOKE
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING...?
Did you take it seriously?

I WASN'T DREAMING!!
I REALLY SAW THE "TODAY'S DEATH LIST", AND IT HAD TAKASHI'S NAME ON IT——!!
EH~~?
THAT'S RIGHT!! "TODAY'S DEATH LIST" MUST MEAN...
IF YOU SOMEHOW MANAGE TO LIVE ON TODAY, THEN EVEN THE URBAN LEGEND WILL DISAPPEAR ALONG WITH IT!
SO... THAT'S WHY...
FOR THE WHOLE DAY TODAY, I'LL PROTECT TAKASHI!!
...AH?!
?
Today!!
If we get through today, then.....
YUUJI HAS TO HELP TOO.
...OKAY, SURE

It's dangerous!
Eh?
Whatever, I'm exhausted so I guess skipping a class wouldn't hurt
TAKASHI, YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE FOR P.E—!!
What are you doing?
YOU CAN'T GO TO THE ROOF EITHER—!!
You're prohibited to go to high places!
1F
Don't sit next to the window!

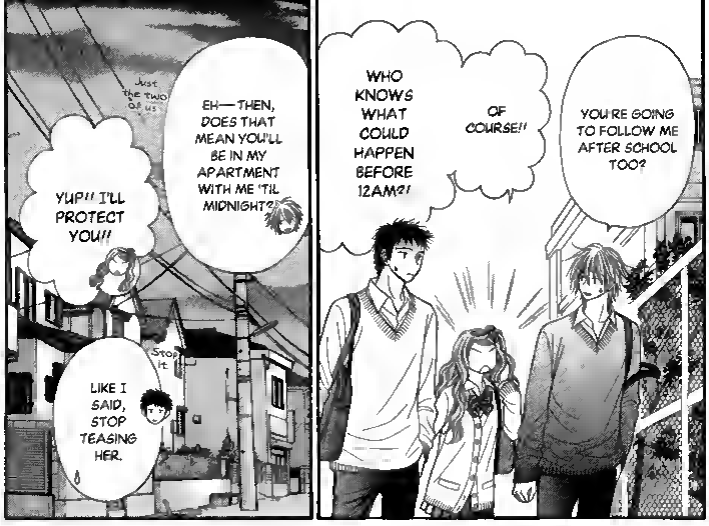
MEN'S BATHROOM

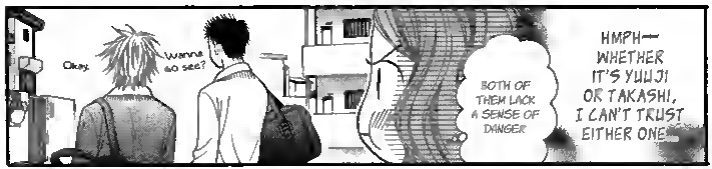
...HOW IS IT, MIINA?


EH——?
JUST WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT TAKASHI?
HE'S HANDSOME ♥
JUST HIS LOOKS...?
YUP, AND HOW HE LIVES ALONE IN HIS APARTMENT EVEN THOUGH HE'S ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IT'S COOL!
...AH
AND HIS FLIRTY FACE IS VERY CHARMING TOO!

...WHATEVER, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS ANYWAY...
IT'S HARD TO SPEAK ILL OF A FRIEND
I'VE KNOWN TAKASHI SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THAT GUY TREATS YOU A BIT...

YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR ME. ♥
THANK YOU.
SO HAPPY—♥
IT'S NOTHING.
HAPPY, HUH...?
It's good you're happy, but
That's not the point
THANKS FOR WAITING—♫


Just the two of us
EH— THEN, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL BE IN MY APARTMENT WITH ME 'TIL MIDNIGHT?
YUP!! I'LL PROTECT YOU!!
Stop it
LIKE I SAID, STOP TEASING HER.
WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN BEFORE 12AM?!
OF COURSE!!
YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW ME AFTER SCHOOL TOO?

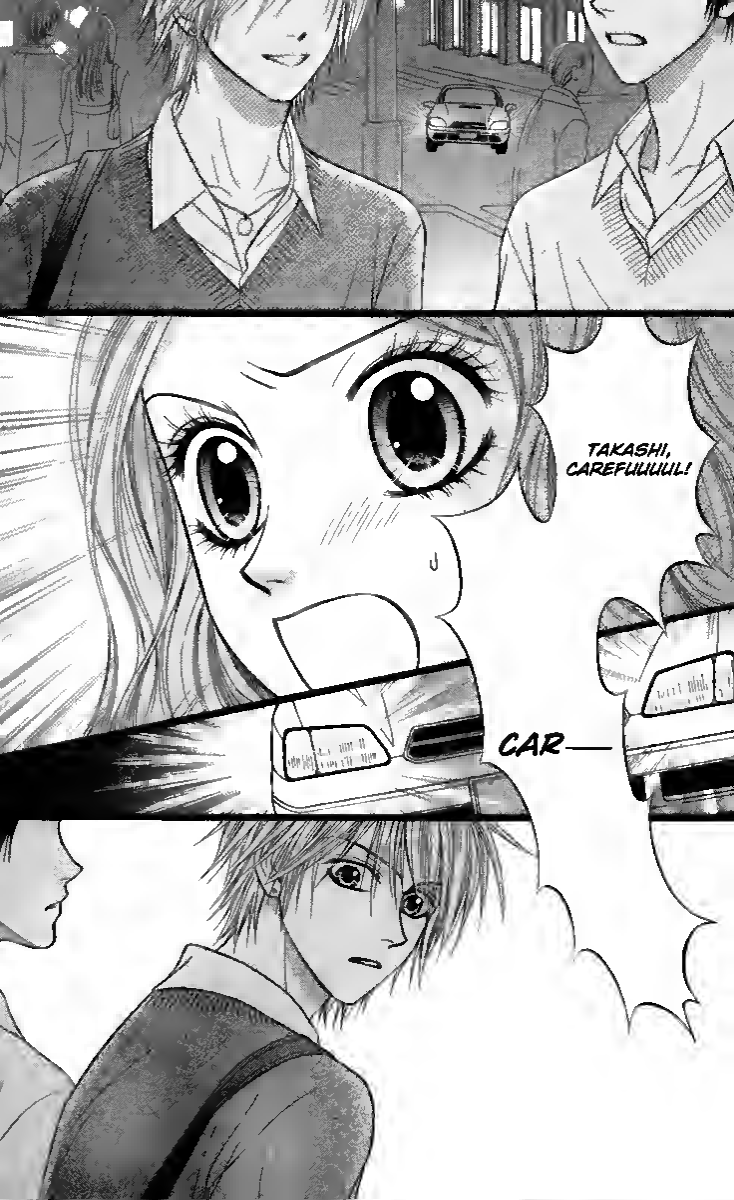

Okay.
Wanna go see?
BOTH OF THEM LACK A SENSE OF DANGER
HMPH— WHETHER IT'S YUUJI OR TAKASHI, I CAN'T TRUST EITHER ONE!

IF HE'S GOING TO DIE EITHER WAY, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IF THEY LISTED HOW HE WOULD AS WELL...
ACCI-DENT?
MURDER? ARSON?
BUT WHAT SHOULD I PAY ATTENTION TO EXACTLY?
TAKASHI LOOKS REALLY HEALTHY, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL JUST DIE OF SICKNESS

Flying Parlor Dance
ISN'T LCD JUST FINE?
AH— I REALLY WANT A PLASMA TV
I WANT ONE TOO, BUT IT'S NOT AFFORDABLE WITH JUST POCKET MONEY...
Snow screen...?!
ZA——————
Why now...?
THE LAST OF ANALOGUE TVS!!
SUPER CHEAP 19,800 YEN

?! AKIZUKI TAKASHI

ZA
AKIZUKITAKASHI
APART FROM THE NAME, THERE'S SOMETHING——
AKIZUKI
——!!
WHAT IS IT? A SHADOW
CAR——?!


TAKASHI, CAREFUUUUL!
CAR——

Drunk driving?!
Wah—
YUUJI—!!
TA...-TAKASHI.
.....NO

HI...
HI
That was scary.
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE...
BUT YUUJI GOT INJURED INSTEAD...
YOU OKAY?
IT'S NOTHING, JUST A SCRATCH... IF MIINA DIDN'T CALL OUT TO US WE WOULD HAVE—
HEY...
LOOK

NEWS 6:30
This morning at OO market, a teenager who was delivering newspapers fell off the bridge,
and died after being run over by numerous cars.
This child is a kid from this neighbourhood, named Akizuki Takashi, 15 years old—
SAME... SAME FIRST AND LAST NAME?!
IT'S NOTHING SURPRISING IT'S A COMMON NAME.
BUT... MIINA SAW HIS NAME ON THE LIST,
SO DOES THAT MEAN THE URBAN LEGEND IS REAL...?

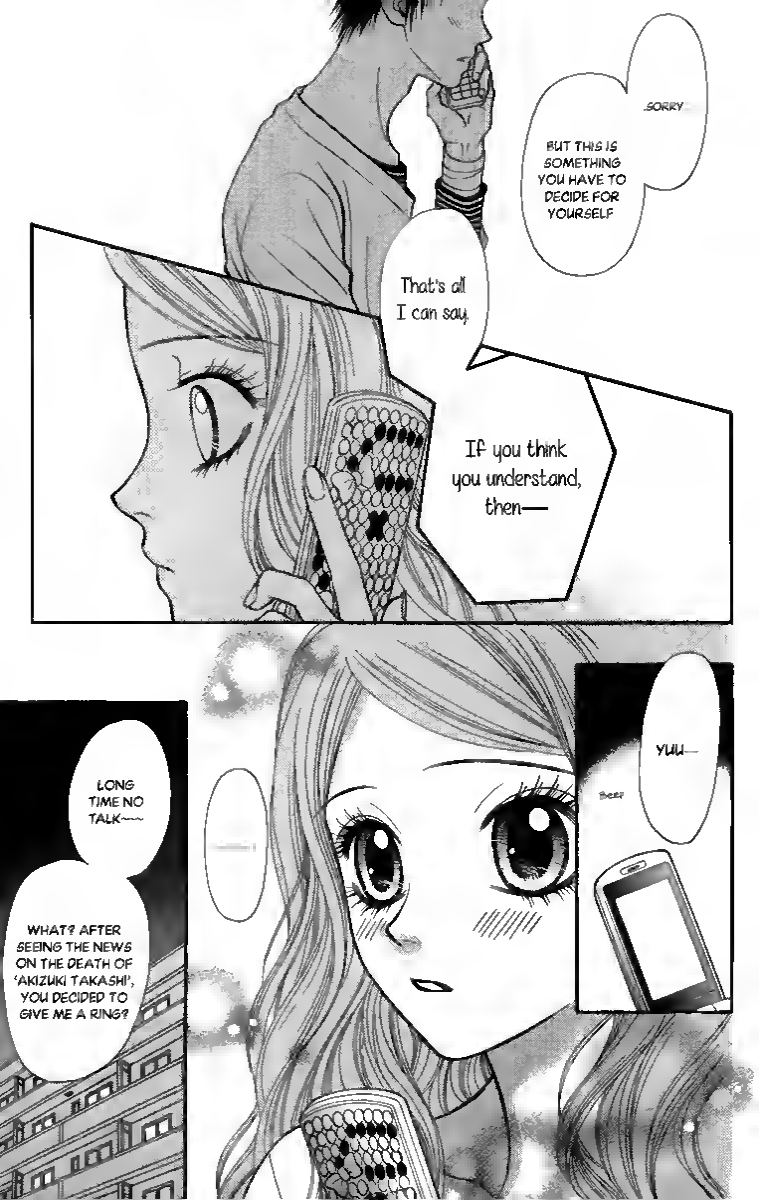
ALTHOUGH IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE...
THE ONE WHO DIED WASN'T TAKASHI THAT DIED WAS ONLY IF
IF HE DIED INSTEAD OF TAKASHI, I WOULD FEEL QUITE SAD TOO...
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S SAD, DIDN'T MINA ALSO PROTECT ME FOR A WHOLE DAY?
THAT'S SO TOUCHING ♥
THEN... I'LL HEAD HOME FIRST.
See ya tomorrow.
YUUJI.

WILL IT BE FINE...?
His injury
DIDN'T HE SAY IT WAS NOTHING MUCH, JUST A SCRATCH?
YUUJI HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS, ALWAYS MESSING UP AT THE IMPORTANT PARTS.
YUUJI WAS EVEN PROTECTING YOU, BUT TAKASHI, YOU...
SERIOUSLY, HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH THINGS...?

MIINA,
COME TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT.
EH
N_NOW? I CAN'T, I JUST RANG MY PARENTS.
Sayina I'd go home.
THEN, JUST GO BACK FOR THE TIME BEING, AND THEN SNEAK OUT LATER, ALRIGHT?
since we're so close.
I HAVE THE DVD YOU WANTED TO WATCH BEFORE.

DON'T TELL YUUJI ♫
—— EVEN IF I AM A BIT STUPID
I can still figure out what this means.
WHY DID THE KISS BEFORE...
NOT MAKE ME A SINGLE BIT HAPPY?
BUT... THE ONE I LIKE SHOULD BE TAKASHI

...AND?
What should I do...?
WHY DID YOU ASK ME ABOUT IT?
Didn't Takashi tell you not to tell me?
BECAUSE I'M REALLY DUMB, SO...


SORRY...
BUT THIS IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF
That's all I can say.
If you think you understand, then—
YUU—
Beep
LONG TIME NO TALK~~~
WHAT? AFTER SEEING THE NEWS ON THE DEATH OF 'AKIZUKI TAKASHI', YOU DECIDED TO GIVE ME A RING?

I'M FINE
THANKS TO THAT, I'LL BE FINE
GAVE YOU A FRIGHT HUH? SAME FIRST AND LAST NAME.
haha
AH, YOU DON'T GET WHAT I MEAN?
IT'S FINE IF YOU DON'T
Continuing the story of Takashi that fell from the bridge this morning...
Because the chances of suicide or accidental death are low
the police are looking at potential homicide—
THAT TIME... AFTER SEEING MY FRIEND DIE, JUST LIKE THE URBAN LEGEND HAD SAID,
I BECAME REALLY AFRAID OF SEEING MY NAME ON THE LIST ONE DAY
SO I CHECKED THE LIST EVERY DAY.
Because I wholeheartedly wanted to save myself.

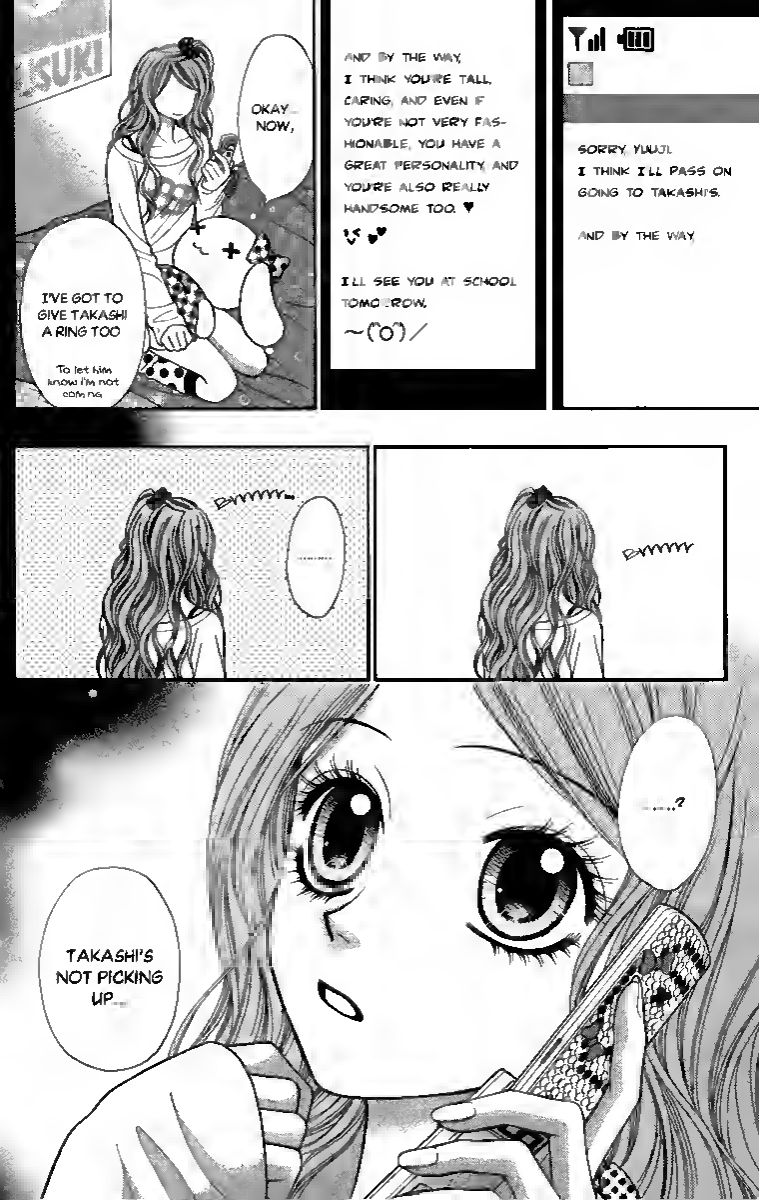
After all,
as long as a person who has the name on the list dies, it will be fine.
AFTER DOING A BIT OF RESEARCH, I FOUND QUITE A FEW 'AKIZUKI TAKASHI'S.
...AND I FOUND A GUY WITH THE SAME NAME, WHO LIVED NEARBY AND WAS YOUNGER THAN ME BY A YEAR
OF COURSE, THE OTHER PERSON WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT ME,
BUT I WOULD GO CHECK OUT HIS LIFESTYLE ONCE IN A WHILE
Thanks to that, when I found my name on the list today,
I could then go on with my plan.
Before dawn, I took a taxi to the neighbouring town,
and followed the 'Akizuki Takashi' who was delivering newspapers...

in my place—
And he died,
or maybe even a different 'Akizuki Takashi' —?
or this guy,
So did the 'Akizuki Takashi' that appeared on the list mean me,
LOOKS LIKE THE ONE WHO SURVIVES WINS.
AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THERE IS NO LONGER A NEED TO CONFIRM
PM 11:54
THOUGH HER FACE IS PRETTY CUTE.
SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND SHE'S JUST A DUMB CLASSMATE,
A GIRL'S GONNA COME OVER
OKAY, I'M GONNA HANG UP

ZA—...
I'LL TALK TO YOU NEXT TIME
BYE.
BEEP
ZA—...
WHAT?
WHY NOW...?
...WHA?!
AKIZUKI TAKASHI

HEY.
zzzzz
UWAH...

AH.....
.....!!
AAAAAA
HHHH-
HHHH-
HHHH-
HH...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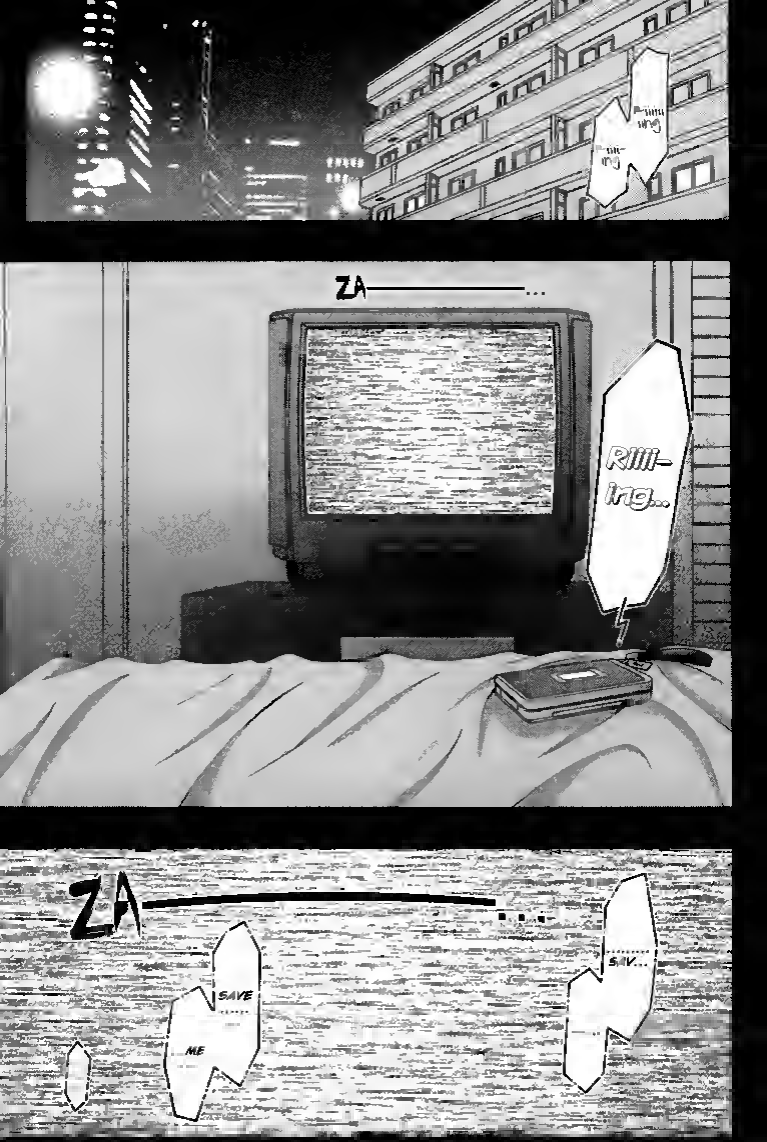
OKAY... NOW,
I'VE GOT TO GIVE TAKASHI A RING TOO
To let him know I'm not coming
AND BY THE WAY, I THINK YOU'RE TALL, CARING, AND EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT VERY FASHIONABLE, YOU HAVE A GREAT PERSONALITY, AND YOU'RE ALSO REALLY HANDSOME TOO. ♥
I'LL SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMORROW.
～(^O^)／
SORRY, YUUJI. I THINK I'LL PASS ON GOING TO TAKASHI'S.
AND BY THE WAY,
Bzzzzzz...
.....
Bzzzzzz
.....?
TAKASHI'S NOT PICKING UP...



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